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MUSEUM EXPANSION PROJECT SLATED TO BEGIN

Shovels to Be Set in Motion at the 'Hall of Geological Wonders'

Supervisor Dennis Hansberger said he is pleased that the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today awarded a \$5.6 million construction contract for the Hall of Geological Wonders, the expansion project at the San Bernardino County Museum that will showcase the ancient life and dynamic geological history of Southern California.

The contract was awarded to Tovey/Shultz Construction, Inc. of Lake Elsinore.

“San Bernardino County’s Museum has been blessed with a talented and enthusiastic team of scientific experts whose work has unearthed from our region many treasures of the past,” said Hansberger. “These treasures now can be experienced by young and old alike, and will help us all understand the many forms of life that came before us so that we can be better stewards of the land we’ve inherited.”

The three-story, 12,400 square foot addition of the Hall of Geological Wonders will increase the museum space to 66,000 square feet, adding approximately 9,000 square feet of new exhibit space.

“This museum now will have the resources to relate the exciting and intricate story of our ancient history in a broad, vibrant manner,” said Supervisor Hansberger. “The unique design of the Hall and the expertise of the staff will provide a setting, to which visitors from all over the world can come and explore Southern California.”

The initial design of the expansion also includes an outdoor amphitheater with seating for about 50 people. Hansberger says he will seek funding to finish the original project that also calls for a wash site and parking lot improvements.

This will be the first expansion since the current museum was built in 1974. The project likely will begin before year-end and is scheduled to be completed in approximately 18 months.